

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Gerald NMI Dorros et al.

Serial No. : 09/972,225 Confirmation No. 4566

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For : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TREATING

STROKE AND CONTROLLING CEREBRAL FLOW

CHARACTERISTICS

Group Art Unit : 3763

Examiner : Cris L. Rodriguez

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450 RECEIVED

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office action dated February 4, 2003, received in the above-identified application, is respectfully requested. A check in an amount appropriate for a two-month extension is provided herewith.

Responsive to the above-mentioned Office action, applicants make the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is submitted in accordance with revised amendment format to be adopted under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as promulgated in the Official Gazette at 1267 TMOG 106 (February 25, 2003).

c) Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 26-30 as follows:

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